

RIVIERA VEGETATION.

The interesting Notes of a Nature Loving Tourist.

It seemed to me that the poets of the south have exaggerated the beauty of the olive tree, says a writer for the Conservator. Indeed, I saw no beauty in it at all. The leaves look as if they had been blanched by sulphur, and the trunks of the shuffling old trees as if they had been hacked up with an ax. The younger trees are more graceful, but don't appeal to the sympathies of one from the land of shapely spruce and pines, the ash, the maple and the elm. The spayed and yawning fragments of an old olive trunk have an uncanny look, as of some nightmarish Dore illustration in Dante's "Inferno." The only lemon groves I could set my eyes on north of Naples were one or two at Cap d'Antibes, and two or three near Mentone. At Piesole there was a garden full of lemons grown in big terra cotta tubs. The oranges of the Riviera are wretched, all the best fruit, heavy and sweet juice, coming from Spain, Sicily and Jaffa. The fragments at Monte Carlo are full of the fragrant pittosporums. They scent the air around with the very perfume of the orange blossom, only it is not at all overpowering or offensively sweet, but delicate and sense-quickening, like wafts of fresh frosty air.

We are so used to thinking of the Hawthorne hedge as a feature of English landscape that I dare say it will surprise many to be told that the biancospina is almost as common in the Pisan plain and in parts of southern Italy—especially along railway banks—as it is in England.

Everywhere in Italy and France the trees are pitifully mutilated. Where they are allowed to grow to their natural height—as they sometimes are on the Italian coast—I observed they lean from the southwest, as they do all over America. Of course, where silk-worm culture is carried on, as between Milan and Como, it is necessary that the mulberry trees be trained low for convenience in the picking of larvae. Where grapes are grown it is hard to tell why living saplings are universally planted and trimmed down as support for the vines, unless it is that ground could not be spared for poppies or that the fruit ripens best in partial shade. In France and Germany the vines are simply tied to upright sticks. Descriptions of the vine in Italy by tourists are always vague and sentimental, and I had wondered how in the world grapes could ripen in the shade of large trees. A glance explained all; the trees turned out to be no taller than the hop poles, and so trimmed to a few horizontal branches trained lengthwise of the row that the shading was reduced to a minimum. The vines hung in loops or festoons from sapling to sapling, as if taking hold of hands. On the foothills south of the Campagna travelers may see grape vines grown around a bunch of dead poles tied together wigwam fashion at the top. The sapling trees are rarely more than 15 feet high, generally not so much. In one region only, and that near Naples, did I see the vines trained on tolerably large trees, swinging from bole to bole, like spider webs. That the hotter sun does not necessitate this I discovered by the vineyards on the fiery southern slope of Vesuvius, which are trained low and have scarcely any shade.

Moving a Church.

A singular piece of work has lately been carried out in Russia. At the village of Kotechausk, near Novgorod, stood a full-sized church which was pronounced to be in an unsafe condition and was to be pulled down. But the building contained many souvenirs of the famous Marshal Souvorov, and his old regiment, which is stationed at St. Petersburg, decided to purchase it. Money being no object, the whole church was carefully taken down, each piece being numbered, and loaded into 330 wagons. It was then transported to the capital, and there has been erected with such care that it is as good as new and may last for centuries.

The Broom.

Don't stand brooms on their broom end, but upside down in the corner.

PEOPLE WE KNOW.

They Are Hopkinsville People, and What They Say is of Local Interest.

When an incident like the following occurs right here at home, it is bound to carry weight with our readers. So many strange occurrences go the rounds of the press: are published as facts, people become skeptical. On one subject skepticism is rapidly disappearing. This is due to the actual experience of our citizens, and their public utterances regarding them. The doubter must doubt no more in the face of such evidence as this. The public statement of a reputable citizen living right here at home, one whom you can see every day, leaves no ground for the skeptic to stand on.

John J. Basford, cooper, of 766 East 9th St., says: "My back used to be so lame and sore at times that when I bent it was all I could do to straighten up again. The pains were always with me and I could not stand for any length of time without feeling them. I doctored at one time but did not obtain the slightest benefit. My attention was called to an advertisement of Doan's Kidney Pills and I determined to try them. I got a box at Thomas & Trahern's drug store and after using them a few days could not help but notice a marked improvement in my condition. My health is better now than it has been in years. I give all the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills, and strongly recommend them to others."

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Ordered to Move.

An alleged meddling evangelist named Bidwell was treated to a coat of tar and feathers at Dillon, Mont., and ordered out of town.

A Labor Leader's Wife.

Mrs. Alice Northup is the wife of the editor of the Quincy Labor News, Quincy, Ill., and is a woman whose devotion to the interest of labor is well known. She makes the following unsolicited statement regarding a well known medicine: Pepsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill. Gentlemen—I have used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for more than a year for constipation and indigestion, and consider it a most superior remedy for such ailments. As a laxative it is not only palatable, but has no griping or nauseating effect, but is very mild.

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The Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollars, mounted as stick-pins and charms, are on exhibition at the First National Bank, and are for sale at the original cost, \$3 each. The bank is to be commended for its enterprise in arranging to supply these souvenirs to the public.

Shot and Killed.

At Peytonburg, Ky., James Roach was shot and killed by Adam Coop and his son.

"I owe my whole life to Burdock Blood Bitters. Scrofulous sores covered my body. I seemed beyond cure. B. B. B. has made me a perfectly well woman." Mrs. Chas. Hutton, Berville, Mich.

Record Breaker.

The winter in New York has been in every respect a record-breaker.

A household necessity—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Heals burns, cuts, wounds of any sort; cures sore throat, croup, catarrh, asthma; never fails.

Offers Her Services.

Miss Lola Arnold, of Louisville, has offered her services as a nurse to the Japanese army.

Operated on.

President Harper, of Chicago University, was operated on for appendicitis.

Large Fire.

Fire destroyed a manufacturing plant at Waterloo, Ia.

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BRITISH WEIGHT STANDARD.

One Change Now Authorized Which May Lead to Others.

The British government has taken a step which slightly simplifies the system of weights and measures now in vogue in the United Kingdom. For a long time the phrase "hundredweight" has meant 112 pounds, and "half a hundred" 56 pounds. Hereafter, according to the New York Tribune, it will be legal to use a 50-pound weight. The American consul at Liverpool declares that that city has felt the necessity for the change more than any other place, as this is the leading port of entry for American and colonial produce of bulk, the weighing of which is a considerable item in the handling, and, indeed, in the ultimate cost of the shipments. More cotton, corn, provisions and tobacco are imported into Liverpool than any other city in the world, and by far the largest proportions of these imports come from the United States; so that the United States is peculiarly interested in the reform just instituted.

Americans have great difficulty in understanding the English system of weights—almost as much as they encounter in trying to understand the English fractional system of coinage. For instance, if you ask a man here how much he weighs, he will tell you, say, "11 stone 7." A "stone" is 14 pounds; so 11 stone would be 154 pounds, and adding the extra seven pounds the weight given would be 161 pounds. Even Englishmen "to the manner born" have to make mental calculation in arriving at the result in pounds in such a case.

Sometimes provisions and other articles are sold at so much a stone, and then if the quantity purchased weighs a few odd pounds over a stone or a number of stones the purchaser and seller have to figure out the price per pound. It is the hope and expectation that the results from the adoption of the new standard of weight of 50 pounds will be so satisfactory that before long the old fashioned "hundredweight" of 112 pounds will be entirely abolished along with the stone, and that a decimal fraction system of five pounds, ten pounds and twenty-five pounds will come into general use.

Whether this reform will retard or promote the adoption of the metric system by England—now the only important European country that has not introduced it—is a difficult question to answer. Owing to the mental inertia of the people, it may not be thought best to follow one change quickly with another. Still, the kilogram is so nearly equal to two pounds, and the metric ton differs so little from the "long" ton, that their adoption would cause little inconvenience or confusion. Moreover, by accustoming wholesale and retail buyers to the decimal system of computing weights the innovations just made ought to render a further extension of the method comparatively easy.

A Curious Faculty.

The association of colors with sounds, or "color-hearing," is believed to be a faculty of one healthy person in every ten. This and other mixing of sensations occurs in certain abnormal conditions, and the peculiar state of mind giving rise to it is now studied under the name of "synesthesia." In a remarkable case reported by Dr. Alfred Ulrich, of Zurich, the senses seem to have all been involved at once. A boy of nervous temperament, who developed epilepsy in his thirteenth year, had always heard colored sounds, different sounds of the voice and the cries of animals having each its characteristic color. The sounds of the vowels gave especially vivid colors, A being light green, E yellow, I black, O red, U dark green and Y white. Some sounds gave also sensations of taste, of temperature and of form. Sensations of form were associated with color and sound; smells had colors; tastes had colors, and colors had taste and temperature. Cold was green and heat was red.

India Rubber.

More than 50,000,000 pounds of india rubber, valued at more than \$30,000,000, were imported into the United States last year.

\$7,500 Cash Contest

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION'S

Great New Offer Upon Receipts of Cotton at All United States Ports From September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, Both Inclusive.

Contest Opened Jan. 18th, 1904, Closes April 20th, 1904.

DIVISION OF PRIZES.

For the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the total number of Sales of Cotton received at all United States ports from September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, both inclusive..... \$ 2,500.00
For the next nearest estimate..... 1,000.00
For the next nearest estimate..... 500.00
For the next nearest estimate..... 125.00
For the 5 next nearest estimates, \$25.00 each..... 125.00
For the 10 next nearest estimates, 12.50 each..... 125.00
For the 20 next nearest estimates, 10.00 each..... 200.00
For the 50 next nearest estimates, 5.00 each..... 250.00
For the 100 next nearest estimates, 3.00 each..... 300.00

\$ 5,000.00

Additional Offers for Best Estimates Made During Different Periods of the Contest.

For convenience the time of the contest is divided into estimates received by The Constitution during four periods—the first period covering from the beginning of contest to February 10, 1904; second period, from February 10 to March 1, 1904; third period, March 1 to 20; fourth period, March 20 to April 20, 1904. We will give the best estimate received during each period (in addition to whatever other prize it may take, or if it take no prize at all), the sum of \$125.00.

The four prizes thus offered at \$125.00 each amount to..... \$ 500.00

TWO GRAND CONSOLATION OFFERS.

First—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 133 prizes) coming within 500 bales either way of the exact figures..... \$ 1,000.00

Second—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 133 prizes and not sharing the first consolation offer) coming within 1,000 bales either way of the exact figures..... 1,000.00

Grand Total..... \$7,500.00
In case of a tie on any prize estimate the money will be equally divided.

Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Port Receipts Contest.

Subject to the usual conditions, as stated regularly in The Constitution each week, the contest is now on. Attention is called to the following summary of conditions:

1. Send \$1.00 for The Weekly Constitution one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
2. Send 50 cents for The Sunny South one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
3. Send \$1.25 for The Weekly Constitution and Sunny South both one year, and send TWO ESTIMATES in the contest—that is, one estimate for The Constitution and another for The Sunny South.
4. Send 50 cents for ONE ESTIMATE alone in the contest IF YOU DO NOT WANT A SUBSCRIPTION. Such a remittance merely pays for the privilege of sending the estimate. If you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis, you may send THREE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY \$1.00 forwarded at the same time estimates are sent. If as many as ten estimates are received at the same time without subscriptions, the sender may forward them with only \$3.00—this splendid discount being offered for only ten estimates in one order. A postal card receipt will be sent for ALL ESTIMATES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS. Where subscriptions are ordered, THE ARRIVAL OF THE PAPER ITSELF IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS CAREFULLY RECORDED.
5. The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription go together. THIS RULE IS POSITIVE.

Secretary Hester's Figures Covering the Period of the Contest.

TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS.		SALES IN COTTON CROP.	
COTTON SEASON.		From 1st September to 1st May (inclusive) of following year. The period covered by this contest.	
1897-98.....	8,333,862	1897-98.....	11,199,994
1898-99.....	7,993,451	1898-99.....	11,274,840
1899-00.....	6,843,134	1899-00.....	10,383,422
1900-01.....	6,346,312	1900-01.....	9,436,416
1901-02.....	7,218,179	1901-02.....	10,680,880
1902-03.....	7,378,627	1902-03.....	10,727,559

The figures above are certified by Secretary Henry G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who will furnish the official figures to decide this contest.

Address All Orders to THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Ga.

Wreck at Princeton.

Engineer Geo. Tagg, of Louisville, was killed and Fireman John T. Jones and Conductor Henry McKinney, of Louisville, were fatally injured in a wreck on the I. C. at Princeton Tuesday morning.

Hives are a terrible torment to the little folks, and to some older ones. Easily cured. Doan's Ointment never fails. Instant relief, permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

Committed Suicide.

Mrs. Horace G. Alth, formerly a society leader of Little Rock, Ark., committed suicide by hanging herself in the county hospital here.

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Body Found.

The body of James Ellick, a railroad conductor, long missing, was found in the drainage canal at Lockport, Ill.

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Serious Disorders.

More serious disorders are reported in Southwest Africa, one report saying that the natives are gradually driving the Germans into the sea.

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The General Assembly in joint session elected Miss Pauline Helm Hardin State Librarian and Mr. Geo. V. Green, of Christian county, Prison Commissioner, each for four years.

Killed Himself.

Col. Charles Kahlo, a prominent business man of Indianapolis, killed himself in a hotel at Knoxville, Tenn.

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